



## CALIFORNIA RECYCLED WATER USE IN 2015

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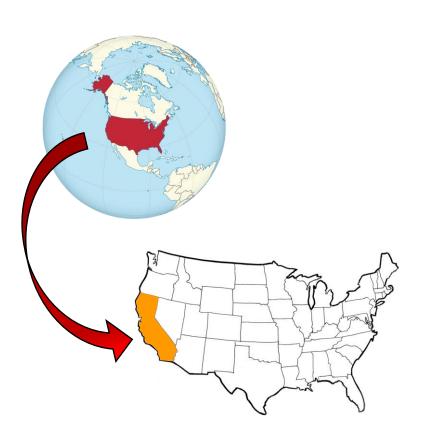
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### **Survey Overview**



- 2015 calendar year
- Domestic waste from a municipal wastewater plant
- Planned and permitted reuse
- Title 22 allowable use
- Does not include internal reuse
- Does not have to replace a potable use
- Wetland and instream flow permit requirements





# Conducting a Statewide Recycled Water Survey has its Challenges

- No standard reporting method to the regional boards
- Finding the right person who has the data
- Misunderstanding of the term "recycled water" or beneficial uses
- Implementation of recycled water projects varies from location to location







### **Primary Data Sources**



Online Survey to ~250 CA wastewater plants reusing treated wastewater





Urban Water Management Plans from ~400 CA water suppliers

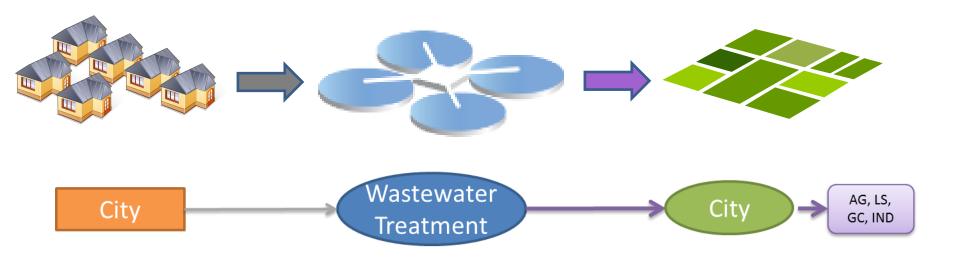
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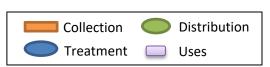




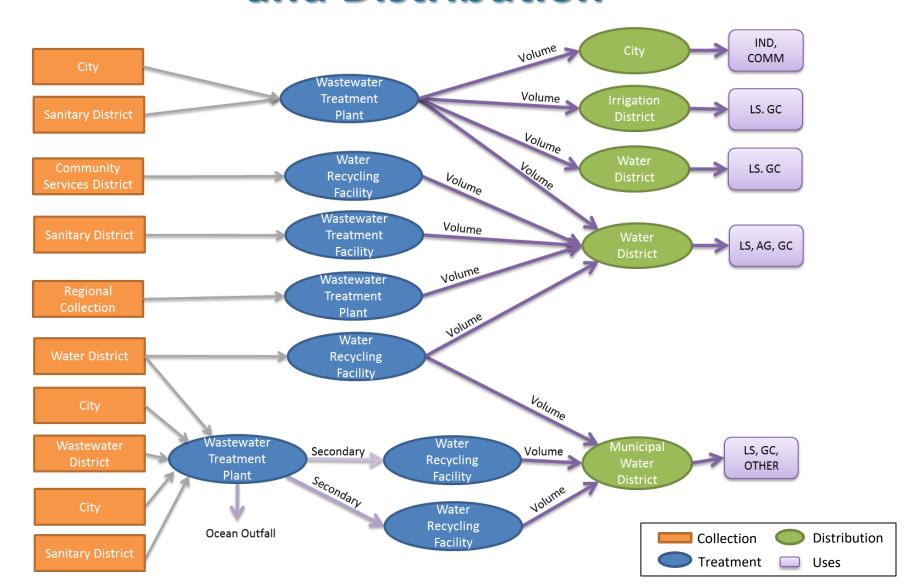


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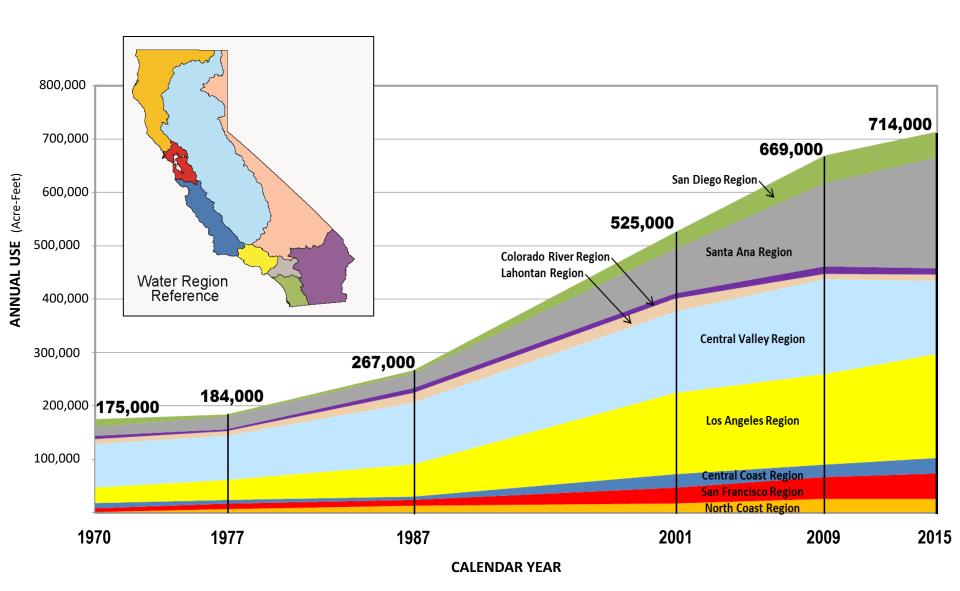




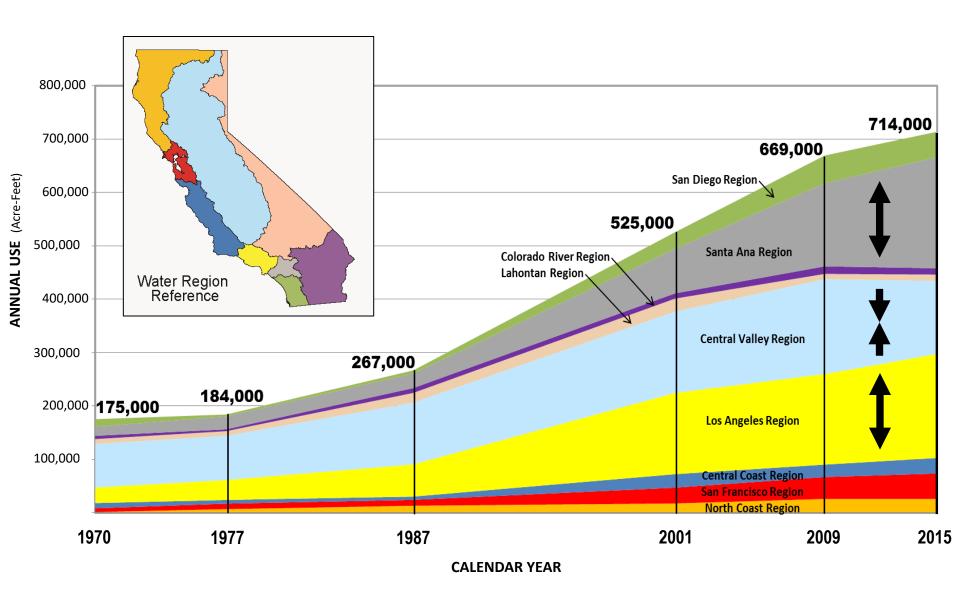
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### **CA Recycled Water Use Since 1970**



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# Why Was the Total Increase Lower than Expected?

### Negative External Factors

2009 2010 20	2012	2013 2014	2015
	DR	OUGHT	K COK
RECESSION	<ul><li>Water rat</li><li>Potable w</li></ul>	e hikes vater supply issue	S
<ul> <li>Lower water sales which lowered revenues</li> </ul>		ry conservation ewater and lower	quality
<ul> <li>Limited capital improvements</li> </ul>			





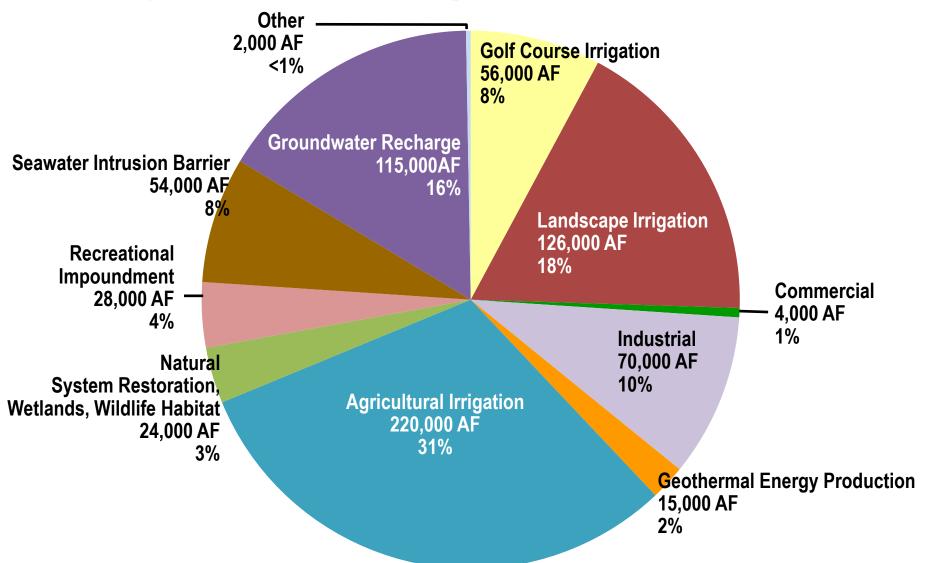
### The Future is Positive

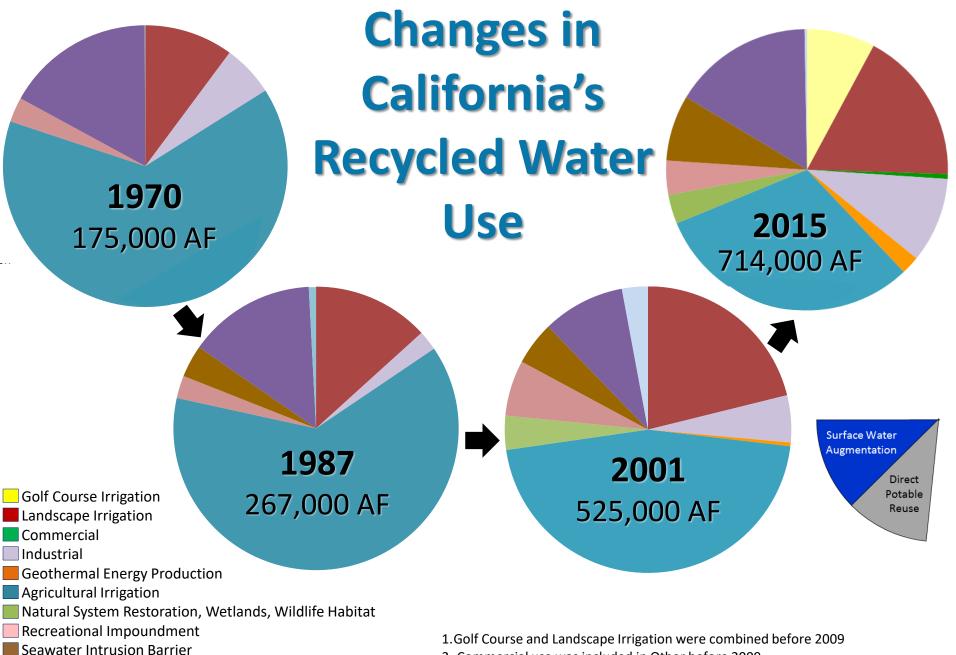
2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
DROL	IGHT				
		RECYCL	ED WAT	ER PRO	JECTS
		<ul> <li>Projects</li> </ul>	funded by I	Drought Gra	nts and
		Loans ar	nd Prop 1 sta	art to come	on-line
DPR					
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# 2015 Recycled Water Use: 714,000 acre-feet/881M cubic meters



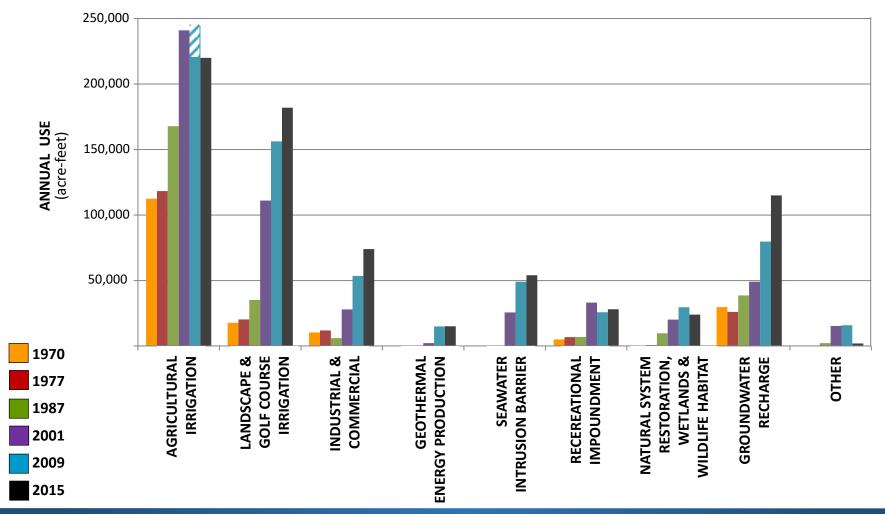


Groundwater Recharge

Other

- 2. Commercial use was included in Other before 2009
- 3. Seawater Intrusion Barrier and Groundwater Recharge were combined before 2001

### Volumetric Changes in Beneficial Uses

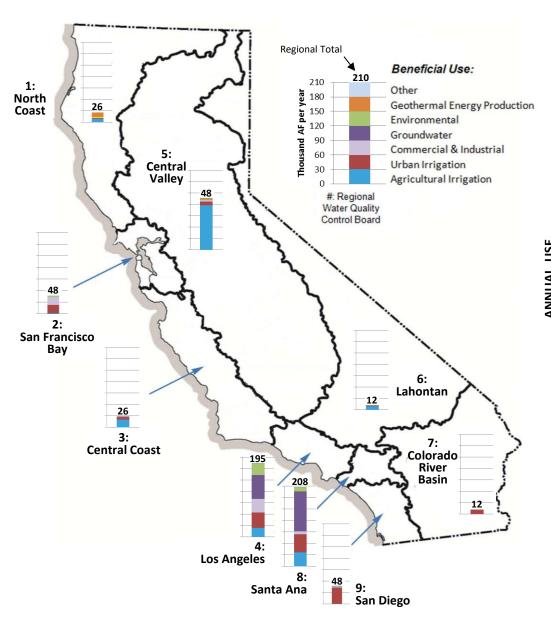


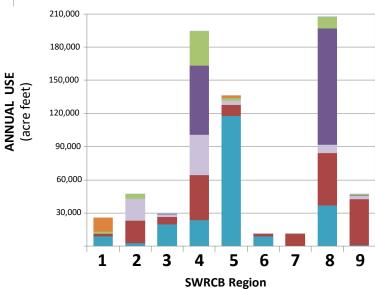






## **Beneficial Uses Vary By Region**





# Treatment Levels Defined in Title 22

Treatment Level	General Description
Advanced	Reverse osmosis, micro- or nano-filtration, ozonation, advanced oxidation.
Disinfected Tertiary	Oxidized, filtered, and disinfected wastewater to achieve both bacterial and virus removal
Disinfected Secondary-2.2	Oxidized and disinfected wastewater with total coliform bacteria <2.2 MPN/100 mL
Disinfected Secondary-23	Oxidized and disinfected wastewater with total coliform bacteria <23 MPN/100 mL
Undisinfected Secondary	Oxidized wastewater

a: Based on California Code of Regulations Title 22, Section 60001 et seq.







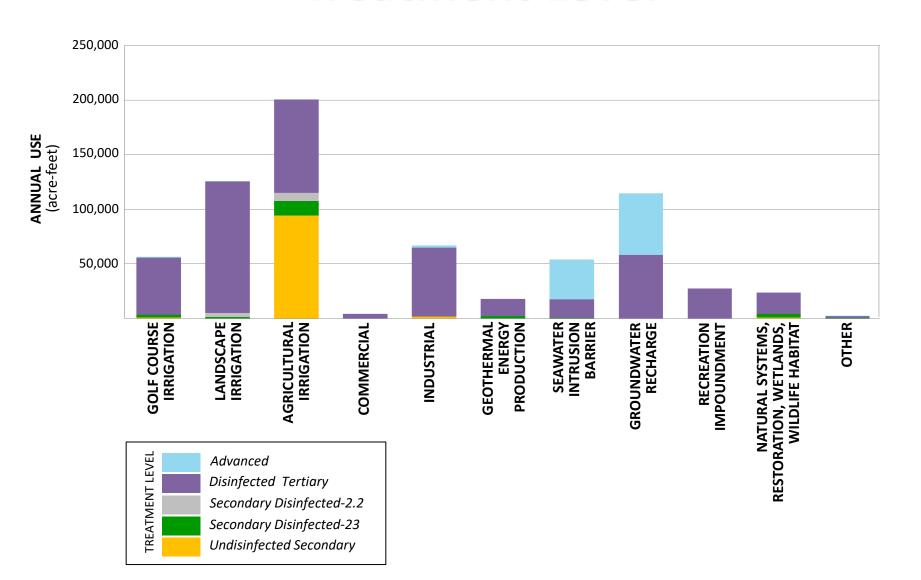
# **General Beneficial Uses<sup>a</sup> by**Treatment Level

Treatment Level	Beneficial Uses Permitted by Title 22 <sup>b</sup>
Advanced	<ul> <li>GWR by subsurface injection</li> <li>SWIB by subsurface injection</li> <li>To be considered as part of the surface reservoir augmentation and DPR.</li> </ul>
Disinfected Tertiary	<ul> <li>URB - residential landscaping, golf courses, school yards</li> <li>COM - laundries, artificial snow-making.</li> <li>IND - process water with worker contact, cooling and air conditioning</li> <li>GWR - by surface application</li> </ul>
Disinfected Secondary-2.2	<ul> <li>AG - food crops with surface irrigation</li> <li>IMP - restricted recreational impoundments</li> </ul>
Disinfected Secondary-23	<ul> <li>AG - nurseries and sod farms with unrestricted access</li> <li>URB - freeway landscaping, golf courses with restricted access</li> <li>COM - boiler feedwater, concrete mixing, soil compaction</li> </ul>
Undisinfected Secondary	<ul> <li>AG - fodder, fiber, and seed crops; nursery and sod farms irrigation</li> <li>OTH - sanitary sewer flushing</li> </ul>

a: Based on California Code of Regulations Title 22, Section 60001 et seq.

b: Uses for increasing levels of treatment also include all uses for lower treatment levels.

# **Beneficial Reuse by Treatment Level**



### What's Next?

- Develop 2015 Survey web page
- Estimate a reasonable projection for 2020 recycled water use using the UWMPs and the completed 2015 survey
- Continue to evaluate the data set
- Streamline future surveys
- Develop (Water Board) permit language requiring monitoring and reporting recycled water use
- Continue to identify mechanisms for increasing statewide recycled water use





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